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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending


31st December, 1971

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The attached chart analyses the deaths from Cancer over the past 20 years (this was not included in the press copies).

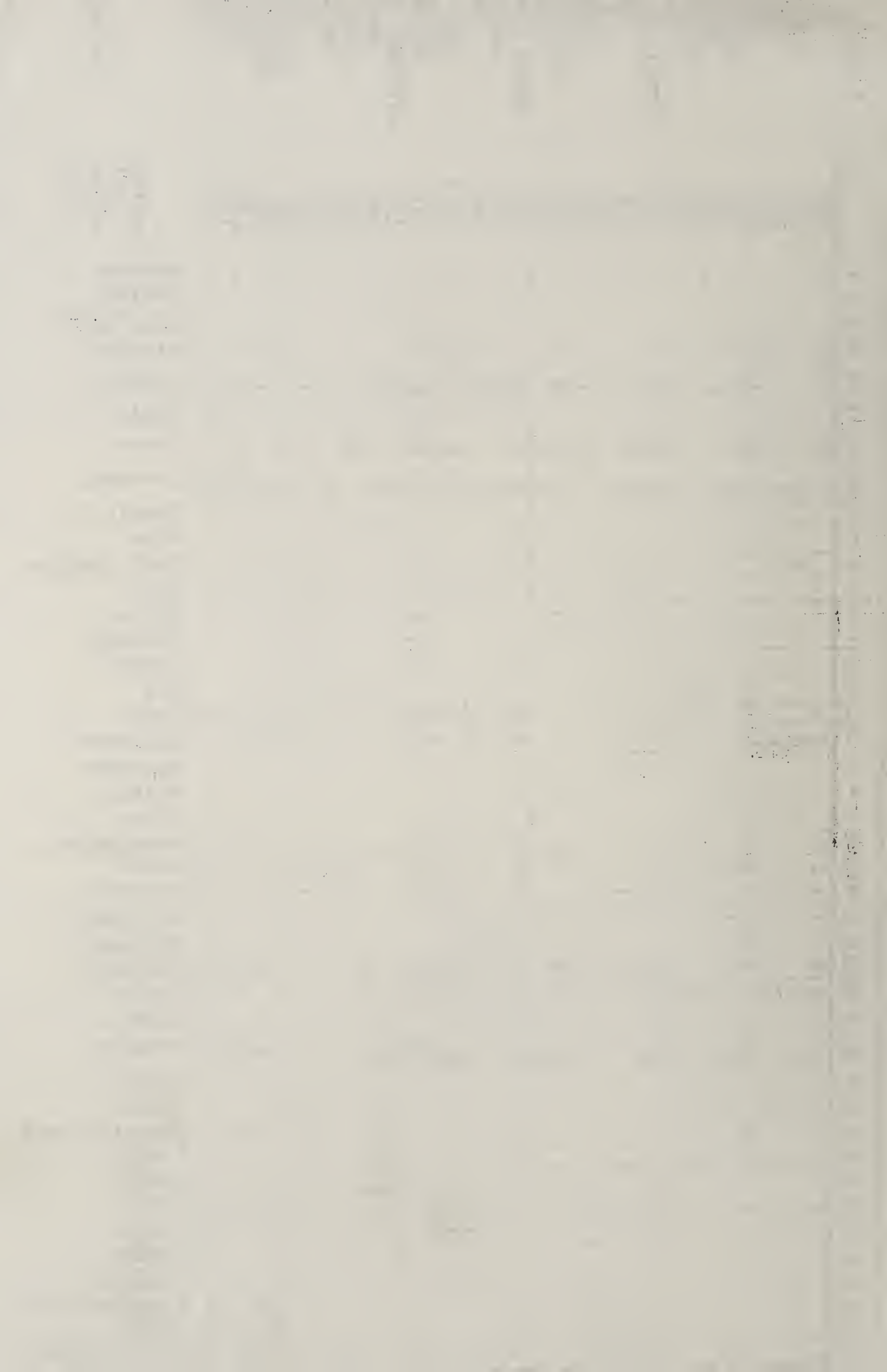
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TO THE
TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Area:	114,127 acres
Population:	21,560 (mid-year estimate)
Rateable Value:	£637,031
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:	£6,050
Social Conditions:	The area being predominantly rural in nature, conditions are generally good.
Slaughtering Industries:	The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :- Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand. In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)

Other Main Industries:

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton
Culm Leather Dressing Company, Cullompton
Fox Bros., & Co., Weavers, Cullompton
Fox Bros., & Co., Weavers, Uffculme
Unigate Foods Limited, Hemyock
Exmoor Woodcraft Limited, Exebridge (Morebath Parish)
Bramber Engineering Works, Willand
Strong Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand
Easton Construction Products Ltd., Joinery Works,
Cullompton
E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme
Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 293	<u>Male</u> 138	<u>Female</u> 155	
Rate per 1,000 home population		13.6	(crude rate)	
		15.4	(adjusted)	
Ratio of local adjusted birthrate to national rate				.96
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	...	19
Rate per cent of total live births	...	...	...	6
STILL BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 3	<u>Male</u> 1	<u>Female</u> 2	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			...	10
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	...	...	...	296
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year)	...	...	...	2
INFANT MORTALITY RATES				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births				7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				7
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				Nil
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)				Nil
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)				Nil
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)				10
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)				
Number of deaths	...	...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			...	Nil
DEATHS - ALL AGES	<u>Total</u> 259	<u>Male</u> 139	<u>Female</u> 120	
Crude death rate per 1,000 population		...	...	12.0
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population			...	10.0
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate				.86

GASTRIC CANCER

The following chart shows the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the last 24 years :-

Popu- lation	Parish	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	Totals
1517	Bampton							1				1	1	2	2					1			1	1	1	11
217	Bickleigh						1									1										2
1663	Bradninch	1			1	1		2		1					4	2	2	2		1	1	2	1			21
725	Burlescombe	1							1			1								1		1				5
79	Butterleigh			1												1										2
134	Cadbury															1										1
142	Cadeleigh																									-
144	Clayhanger																									-
428	Clayhidon					1								1												2
427	C.Morchard		1							1																2
3415	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	-	2	3	3	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	47
692	Culmstock								1						1		1		1			1				5
1268	Halberton				1					1		2	1	1	1						1			1		9
1063	Hemyock							1						1	1							1		1		5
192	Hockworthy																									-
483	Hol.Rogus		1		1							1														3
132	Huntsham											1												1		2
692	Kentisbeare						1			1					1	1						1				5
162	Loxbeare					1																				1
399	Morebath			2																1						3
316	Oakford																									-
711	S.Peverell			1			2	2						1			1					1				8
1248	Silverton			2			1	2	1	1	1				1		1	1			1				2	14
278	Stoodleigh																									-
128	Templeton										1															1
674	Thorverton					1	1	2	1				1	1		1										8
1663	Uffculme					1	1		1	1		1					2	1					1	2		11
272	Uplowman																									-
323	Washfield															1										1
963	Willand			1								1			1	1	1		1	1						7
	Totals	6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	10	4	4	5	4	7	3	7	5	176
	Tiverton Borough	1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	6	-	6	5	3	4	4	3	4	92

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1971 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice
Under 1	2	-	-	-
1 year	2	2	2	-
2 years	1	2	1	-
3 years	1	-	3	-
4 years	1	-	2	-
5 - 9	2	2	6	1
10 - 14	-	1	-	13
15 - 24	-	-	-	1
25 & over	-	-	-	1
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	7	14	16

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1971 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HOSPITAL SERVICES

I have received the following report from Mr. P. Le Fleming, the Group Secretary of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospitals Management Committee :

"The level of work of the three Tiverton Hospitals during recent years was maintained throughout 1971, with a total of 2,023 patients discharged following in-patient treatment, of whom 1,697 were from the Tiverton and District Hospital. There were also 337 live births in the Maternity Unit at the District Hospital. 3,056 new patients attended out-patient clinics, and out-patient attendances totalled 8,371. The Casualty Department treated 4,666 new patients and there were 10,577 attendances at this department during the year.

The Hospital Management Committee is keen to see a start made on the re-development of the Tiverton Hospital on the Belmont Hospital site, and although this scheme does not yet appear in the Regional Hospital Board's capital building programme, it is anticipated that active planning of the first stage will begin in the not too distant future. This phase will include new in-patient accommodation and departments for the geriatric patients at present in the Belmont Hospital, and will also include the facilities of a day hospital for these patients which will enable more of them to receive specialist hospital assessment and treatment whilst remaining in their own homes.

Satisfactory negotiations have been conducted during the year between the hospital and local midwifery services to further improve the liaison in maternity care and to make the most efficient use of the facilities of the Maternity Unit at the Tiverton and District Hospital. It is hoped that these arrangements will enable the department to deal with increased maternity bookings in the future. Special attention has also been given during the year to the Casualty Department at the District Hospital, and the Regional Board, recognising the importance of this service, is providing funds to improve the facilities and equipment of the department."

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL
PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

During the year under review, the sewerage scheme at Cullompton has been fully commissioned and is producing an excellent effluent, fully complying with the Consent conditions laid down by the Devon River Authority. A number of small items require to be finalised and the opening day has been arranged for May, 1972.

During the year a start has also been made on the Thorverton Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme and good progress is being made. In addition to this, the effluent pipe at Bampton has been extended to the River Bathern, as requested by the Devon River Authority.

The Uffculme Surface Water Sewerage Scheme has also been completed and a new trunk sewer has been provided from the Coldharbour Pumping Station to Bridge Street.

A. The undermentioned parishes are now effectively sewered:

BAMPTON	The sewage works generally is performing satisfactorily, but new development is limited, owing to the works being fully committed at the present time.
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BURLESCOMBE	The Burlescombe and Westleigh Scheme is giving satisfactory results. We still have to keep a strict eye on the Redland Tile Company's trade effluent.
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BUTTERLEIGH	Performing satisfactorily in dry weather. Sand filter still a problem until we are able to carry out expensive modifications.
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CRUWYS MORCHARD (Nomansland and Pennymoor)	Here again, satisfactory samples have been reported upon by the River Authority, but some improvement needs to be made to the sand filters.
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CULLOMPTON	The new scheme at Cullompton is functioning in a satisfactory manner. It has been suggested that the sewage from Bradninch be carried over the hills to the new works at Cullompton for treatment there and a scheme is now with the
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Ministry for their approval.

CULMSTOCK	During the year a modification has been carried out to the detritus chamber in order that it can be efficiently desludged. The load on the works is such that it is now operating to capacity.
HALBERTON	This scheme is operating satisfactorily, but, here again, there is little, if any, spare capacity at the works for new development.
HEMYOCK	Owing to new development in the Parish and further pressure for additional development our Council have considered a report from their Consulting Engineers and a scheme will be prepared for extension of the works in this Parish.
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	During the year under review, samples taken from the works have been satisfactory. There is still some capacity left for future development.
HUNTSHAM	A small scheme serving the Village of Huntsham is now working satisfactorily and there is a small amount of capacity left for future development.
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	There have been problems with infiltration. The works is satisfactory although at times it is overloaded, owing to the considerable amount of development which has taken place in the Parish of recent years.
SILVERTON	Considerable development has taken place, both private and Council development, of recent years and, owing to the pressure for further development in this area, the Council have instructed their Engineers to carry out gauging and flow tests and prepare a scheme for enlargement of the sewage works.
UFFCULME	Here again, the Council have instructed our Engineers to carry out gauging and flow tests, as it would appear from our records that the scheme is now loaded to capacity.

WASHFIELD The scheme appears to be working in a satisfactory manner and no complaints have been received.

B. Partly sewerred and with further extensions and improvements planned:

BRADNINCH 450 Premises are served by the existing system which discharges into horizontal flow settling tanks. There is no further treatment and the effluent which is discharged into ditches is most unsatisfactory from a Public Health point of view. A scheme has been prepared by our Consultants for certain improvements to the sewers in the Village and for pumping the effluent over the hills to the sewage works at Cullompton. The scheme is now with the Ministry for their consideration and we hope to make a start during 1972.

KENTISBEARE A small part of the Village is served by two small treatment plants near our Council Housing Estate. A new scheme has been prepared by our Consultants dealing comprehensively with the whole of the sewage from the Village of Kentisbeare. This scheme is now with the Ministry and it is hoped that a start will be made during the year 1972/1973.

STOODLEIGH A comprehensive scheme has been prepared for the Village of Stoodleigh to deal with the unsatisfactory and scattered septic tanks which now exist within the Village Area. The scheme is due to commence during the year 1972/73.

THORVERTON A new comprehensive scheme dealing with the whole of the sewage from the built-up area of Thorverton is now in progress and it is hoped that the majority of the contract will be completed during the year 1972.

WILLAND &
UFFCULME A new scheme for improvements to the sewage works at Willand to give it a much greater capacity is due to commence during 1972. This new scheme will deal with the effluent from a population of 2,600 persons approximately, double the existing

population. Willand is a rapidly expanding village where further development will be allowed as soon as the sewerage scheme has been completed. The completion date will be during the year 1973/74.

The Willand/Uffculme Area is designated a Key Settlement under the County Development Plan.

Extensions at Uffculme are planned to commence during the Financial Year 1974/75.

C. Small Villages and Hamlets which have been partly sewerred:

BICKLEIGH The small sewage plant dealing with the built-up area of the Village is functioning satisfactorily and samples have complied with the Consent conditions. A new distributing apparatus has been provided during the year under review.

CADELEIGH The centre of the Village is served by an old septic tank system.

HOCKWORTHY A small sewage plant serving the Council Houses also deals with the sewage from the built-up area at Staple Cross.

MOREBATH A small scheme, consisting of settlement tanks, filter beds and land treatment works, deals with the sewage from the Village centre.

OAKFORD Treatment is by septic tank and land treatment. Samples taken have been satisfactory.

UPLOWMAN A small scheme deals with the Council House development at Uplozman Cross.

D. Not sewerred:

The undermentioned parishes being rural in character have no village centre large enough to require a sewerage scheme. Public sewerage facilities in these scattered areas are not considered to be a necessity : Cadbury, Clayhanger, Clayhidon, Loxbeare and Templeton.

FUTURE PROGRAMME SEWERAGE SCHEMES

This chart shows our future programme :

C O N T R A C T	No.	Value x £1,000		1972	1973	1974	1975	1975	Contract Period Months
		Key Sect.	Locally determined	72/73	73/74	74/75	75/76	76/77	
Thorverton Sewerage	ES 181	151							24
Willand S.D. Extension	ES 242	120							18
West Town Surface Water	EM 501		13						4
Court House Sewer	ES 317		13						3
Culmstock Surface Water	ES 284		23						6
Bradninch Sewerage	ES 182	160							18
Willand M.5. Sewerage Accommodation Works	ES 311		18						6
Kentisbeare Sewerage	ES 184	105							18
Stoodleigh Sewerage	ES 183		83						15
Uffculme S.D. Extension	ES 316								18
Hemyock S.D. Extension	ES 321								18
Silverton S.D.Extension	ES 322								18
		536	150						

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board and they report as follows :

The bacteriological quality of the water has been examined and found to be satisfactory. The chemical quality has been generally satisfactory, although on two occasions unpalatable supplies were reported, the reasons for which were quickly traced to minor problems at the headworks and were soon overcome.

It was necessary to restrict the use of hosepipes for the watering of private gardens and the washing of private vehicles from the 21st April, 1971 (5th May, 1971 in respect of the Eastern parishes of the Rural District) until the 23rd November, 1971. In view of the impending completion of new treatment works at Tiverton and the laying of the proposed trunk mains as far as Ash Thomas, the Board were able to advise the Planning Authority in April, 1971, that all restrictions upon development in the Eastern parishes, other than Silverton and Thorverton, arising from lack of water supplies, could be removed.

Fluoride is absent from all supplies in the Rural District.

The following schedule gives details of the properties supplied in each parish at the 31st December, 1971:

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water			
	No. of Domestic Prop-erties	No. of Farms	No. of other meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total Prop-erties
Bampton	413	15	36	464
Bickleigh	45	6	10	61
Bradninch	703	18	33	754
Burlescombe	192	34	19	245
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31
Cadbury	7	2	1	10
Cadeleigh	12	5	2	19
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23
Clayhidon	42	32	6	80
Cruwys Morchard	59	25	7	91
Cullompton	1,500	55	108	1,663
Culmstock	254	25	17	296
Halberton	357	53	21	431
Hemyock	280	17	23	320
Hockworthy	24	18	2	44
Holcombe Rogus	119	11	6	136
Kentisbeare	173	46	22	241
Loxbeare	13	3	-	16
Morebath	48	8	2	58
Oakford	52	10	4	66
Sampford Peverell	319	14	36	369
Silverton	565	11	16	592
Stoodleigh	41	6	7	54
Templeton	18	14	-	32
Thorverton	268	11	15	294
Uffculme	588	68	65	721
Updown	38	11	2	51
Washfield	42	11	-	53
Willand	454	12	34	500
TOTALS	6,665	552	498	7,715

LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Health Department. We give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene and these pools are well controlled by the Headmasters of the schools concerned.

WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1971:

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	3	3	6
Bickleigh	3	1	4
Bradninch	2	3	5
Burlescombe	1	3	4
Clayhidon	1	-	1
Cullompton	2	1	3
Culmstock	1	-	1
Halberton	1	-	1
Hemyock	4	-	4
Hockworthy	1	-	1
Holcombe Rogus	1	1	2
Huntsham	1	2	3
Kentisbeare	1	-	1
Oakford	3	-	3
Sampford Peverell	1	-	1
Silverton	1	-	1
Stoodleigh	-	3	3
Thorverton	1	-	1
Uffculme	-	1	1
Uplozman	3	1	4
Washfield	-	2	2
Willand	8	-	8
TOTALS	39	21	60

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Mr. W. P. Lake has continued as the Council's Rodent Operator for the purpose of dealing with rats, mice and other pests during the year. We have 72 farm contracts and 16 contracts for business premises. These premises are visited four times a year with additional visits as necessary. In general, Warfarin bait is used, but in difficult cases we rely on zinc phosphide. The Council's sewers and tips are treated regularly. The services of the Rodent Operator are available to any ratepayer who wishes to ask for his services. There is a small charge for private dwellings. There has been an increase in the prevalence of mice during the year under review, especially in the Bampton area.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

29 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

At the 31st December, 1971, the following private slaughter-houses were licensed and in use in the District :-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand -
New Beef and Sheep Slaughterhouse
Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand -
Pig Slaughterhouse
J. Veysey & Son, 30 Fore Street, Cullompton
N.M. Western, 24 Fore Street, Silverton.

MEAT INSPECTION

We now have five full-time Meat Inspectors at Lloyd Maunders and one Trainee. During the year under review, Lloyd Maunders have ceased late night killing and the hours of operation are now from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. One hundred per cent inspection is carried out in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations and, in order to do this, we have to pay overtime to certain of the Inspectors who are working more than thirty eight hours a week. Extensive alterations have been carried out to the pig line and the buildings, in order to bring them up to the export standards and work has been completed during 1971.

Details of carcasses inspected are enumerated in the following tables.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSES TIVERTON JUNCTION	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	5638	72	328	195110	153560
Number inspected	5638	72	328	195110	153560
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	5	35	200	917
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2017	31	6	10361	14105
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	35.79	50.00	12.50	5.41	9.78
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1894
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.24
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	} 12	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration		-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	
	157	11	1	18	

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	255	-	-	580	177
Number inspected	255	-	-	580	177
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerici:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	57	-	-	33	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerici	22.35	-	-	5.90	10.17
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercolosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
	Cwt.	Lbs.			
	17	5			

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
Number of visits to these premises	440
Total number of birds processed during the year	4,467,136
Types of birds processed	Hens Broilers Capon Turkeys
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	1.16%
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	47 tons 16 cwt.2 qrs.8 lbs.

There is a system of poultry inspection in force and there is a spotters check system operated by Messrs. Lloyd Maunder. Rejected and suspect carcasses are examined at intervals during the day by Meat Inspectors. The hygiene at this very large establishment is of a very good standard. The water supply throughout has a fairly high chlorine level which tends noticeably to raise the bacteriological standard of the carcasses. Visits are also made to Messrs.H.J.Dunn's poultry killing establishment at Uffculme. For a small installation of this type, the standard is quite reasonably good.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY

VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

No formal action has been necessary during the year under review. A number of letters have been sent to stallholders during the year calling their attention to certain minor items which did not comply with the Regulations and, in each case, the matter has been rectified. Where a vehicle is operated in our District, but is based and kept in another Authority's area, we report any complaints to the Authority concerned to look into the matter for us. We have had co-operation from both Exeter City Council and the Honiton Borough Council in this respect.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Routine visits are made to these premises when time permits, particular attention being paid to food premises on the holiday routes during the summer season. No formal action has been necessary; compliance with the requirements is effected by persuasion and re-visits by our Inspectors.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Bakehouses	13
Butchers' Shops	21
Fried Fish Shops	5
Retail Food Shops	60
Catering Establishments	75

HOUSING ACTS 1957 et seq.

Mr. Mogford has supplied the following information :

Improvement Grants

Applications received	...	...	...	...	77
Approved	...	...	...	...	60
Applications for Increase in Grant approved					1
Revised Grants	...	...	...	...	1
Improvement Grant Payments	...	...	...		30

Standard Grants

Applications received	...	...	...	...	50
Approved	...	...	...	...	42
Applications for Increase in Grant approved					10
Paid	...	...	...	...	31
Revised Grants	...	...	...	...	2

Closing Orders

Revoked	...	...	...	...	...	5
Made	...	...	...	...	...	4

Preliminary Notices

Cancelled	...	...	...	...	...	8
Served	...	...	...	...	...	4

Outstanding Undertakings

Accepted	1
Cancelled	1

Demolition Orders

Made	1
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COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this Rural District.

REFUSE COLLECTION

We are hoping during the coming year to implement an Incentive Bonus Scheme on the refuse collection service and a considerable amount of preliminary work has already been done on this. We give a weekly collection to the majority of ratepayers, the only exceptions being isolated farm houses and certain small groups of houses which get a fortnightly collection. We have had a number of cases where people in these outlying farms have demanded a weekly collection, but in the main, farmers are very co-operative and make do with a fortnightly collection.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at Gaddon Down and we now have a tracked vehicle available for this purpose; the burning of refuse has completely ceased. I would, however, like to point out that the life of our tip at Gaddon Down is limited.

BULKY REFUSE

We now provide two skips at Gaddon Down, as the public realise they can take refuse there and we have had a number of complaints of tipping of refuse in the nearby woods and copses. In addition we operate a free bulky refuse collection from householders in the District twice a year and great use is being made of this service by the ratepayers. Items of refuse which are not as bulky can be removed sometimes if we can get them on the rack of the refuse collection lorries.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

During the year this department dealt with 10 vehicles, which appeared to have been abandoned, and in 8 of these cases the vehicles were disposed of by the Council. The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary continue to be very helpful to us in dealing with such vehicles.

CARAVAN MOVEABLE DWELLING AND CAMPING SITES AND CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1971 ... 28
In addition, there are sites for tourists' caravans at :

Higher Grants, Exebridge
The Wishing Well Cafe, Bampton
Petton Cross Garage, Bampton
Whiteheathfield Barton, Bradninch
Little Copse Filling Station, Bradninch
Hearne Farm, Clayhanger
Whitehall Mill, Hemyock
Morebath Manor, Morebath
Speedway Garage, Silverton
Middle North Coombe, Templeton

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, exempted organisations such as the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their Certificate for the sites.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	7	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	15	Nil	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	148	22	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

The only outworkers employed in this area are those engaged on the making of wearing apparel as shown in the abstract of the prescribed schedule below :-

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list req'd by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole-premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc.,	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

